Opening of de-addiction centres

†2230. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to open new de-addiction centres in order to prevent the youth from drug abuse;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of de-addiction centres being run presently in the country;

(d) the number of persons who have been de-addicted in these de-addiction centres during the last three years; and

(e) the total amount spent on these de-addiction centres during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The Government sanctions new de-addiction centres in order to prevent the youth from drug abuse on the basis of field situation and availability of NGOs working in this area.

(c) 377.

(d) A total of 261, 877, 194, 787 and 172, 341 persons have been admitted for de-addiction in the centres supported by this Ministry during the years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 (up to 30.9.2005) respectively.

(e) 2002-03-Rs. 25.50 crores

2003-04-Rs. 22.65 crores

2004-05 Rs. 25.50 crores

Preference to foreign foster parents in adoption of children

2231. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign foster parents are being given preference over intending Indian parents for adopting children;

(b) the number of NGOs or such agencies functioning in India that are engaged in looking after orphan and abandoned children; and

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